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INTRO: US CONTRIBUTES TO THE U.N. DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT IN
MOZAMBIQUE.

TEXT: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE
DOLS 125,000 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT OF
SEEDS REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE DISASTROUS FLOODS IN THE
LIMPOPO AREA OF MOZAMBIQUE. IN FEBRUARY UNUSUALLY HEAVY
RAINS SWELLED MOZAMBIQUE RIVERS AND SENT FLOOD WATERS RUSHING
INTO SETTLEMENTS AND INUNDATING CULTIVATED AREAS IN THIS
HEAVILY POPULATED REGION OF THE COUNTRY. AN ESTIMATED
75,000 PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED BY WHAT ARE TERMED THE MOST
SERIOUS FLOODS IN THE PAST THIRTY YEARS.

THE MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT APPEALED URGENTLY
FOR ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS TO OVER 70 FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO THIS APPEAL,
MOZAMBIQUE IS RECEIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.N. FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION. UNICEF IS SENDING MEDICINE,
FOOD AND BLANKETS ABOARD AIRCRAFT CHARTERED BY THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT. THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION, A CHECK FOR
DOLS 125,000, IS BEING PRESENTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS
DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR IN GENEVA AS AN EXPRESSION OF
SOLIDARITY AND HUMANITARIAN CONCERN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND
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PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MOZAMBIQUE VICTIMS OF

THESE FLOODS. ITEM.
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